

A BET THAT COST A LIFE.

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FONEST DEXROZ, Va., May 28.—A fatal duel occurred near this place to-day between Alexander Siley and Frost Coles, brothers-in-law, in which the former was killed and the latter dangerously wounded. The parties to the affair were young farmers and highly connected.

Siley and Coles became involved in a dispute this forenoon as to who had the larger corn. "I bet my corn is two inches higher than yours," said Siley. "I bet it ain't," said Coles. Then they visited the fields and measured. They were both very pleasant about it at first, but when Coles found his neighbor's corn was the higher, he accused his friend of cheating. Hot words ensued, and finally the lie passed. Siley proposed that they meet in a piece of woods a mile distant, and fight it out with knives. Coles accepted the challenge.

The two men went to their homes, and procured carving knives, they told old Bob Ormington, a colored laborer, to meet them on the grounds as an escort—a second. The negro thought they were joking about fighting, and to carry out the joke he was promptly in the chosen woods when the two men arrived. It was then too late for him to back out. The duellists, who were men of splendid physique, were cool. It was about noon. They handed the negro an ax, and told him if he found one taking advantage of the other to rush in and straighten them. This agreed upon, the principals stripped to the waist, and without any delay began.

They first tried fencing, but it is said that, after a few parries, Coles began to use his weapon like a madman. He inflicted five deep wounds in his antagonist's body, one being in the abdomen and one in the throat. Siley fell to the ground in a few minutes, and died in less than half an hour. Coles received three wounds, one in the arm, one in the ribs, and one in the neck. Two of them were quite deep, and may result fatally.

Old Ormington, the negro, was so terrified that he did nothing but yell. The sole witness says that as Cole ran the blade of his carving knife into Siley's throat he said: "Damn you, now who is the best man?" As Siley fell he muttered, "I am killed." After he had fallen Coles inflicted three wounds, and then he, too, fell to the ground, exhausted by loss of blood. Ormington started for the house, when he met a constable, to whom he related the story. The officer went with him to the woods, where he found the two bodies lying. Summoning some friends, he had them carried to the nearest house.

Coles may recover, but it is thought doubtful. Ormington was arrested as an accomplice. Siley was very handsome, and had been married only a few months. Coles is related to a prominent politician.

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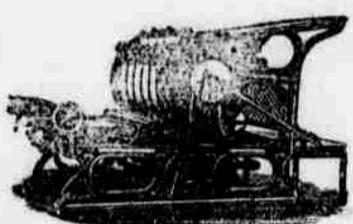
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